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SUBJECT: SC MEETING IN PANAMA: PROPOSED GOP RESOLUTION ON TREATY
OF TLATELOLCO AND CANAL ZONE.

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1. DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA, POLITICAL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED PROPOSED GOP RESOLUTION LINKING TREATY OF TLATELOLCO TO PANAMA CANAL WITH DIRECTOR IN CHIEF FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, MANUEL TELLO, ON MARCH 14. POLITICAL COUNSLOR EXPLAINED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PANAMANINA RESOLUTION AND THE REASONS CITED REFTEL AS TO WHY IT WAS LEGALLY UNTENABLE AND COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO USG.

2. TELLO SAID U. S. POSITION ON TRANSIT OF NUCLEAR ARMS THROUGH THE CANAL WAS COMPLETELY CLEAR AND HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO U. S. DECLARATION AT TIME WE RATIFIED PROTOCOL II OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. HE ALSO REFERRED TO MEXICO' POSITION ON THIS MATTER, WHICH WAS ESSENTIALLY AS GIVEN PARA 3 REFTEL. HE SAID THAT FROM MEXICAN STANDPOINT MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION WOULD BE THAT NOTHING BE DONE TO WEAKEN TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. HE WENT ON THAT HE HAD HEARD NOTHING OF THIS PROPOSED PANAMANIAN RESOLUTION,
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BUT IT WAS POSSIBLE PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR BOYD HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH GARCIA ROBLES IN NEW YORK. TELLO SAID HE DOUBTED THAT PANAMA WOULD PUSH FOR SUCH A RESOLUTION IN THE FACE OF A CERTAIN U. S. VETO BECAUSE THIS WOULD DETRACT FROM WHAT PANAMA HOPED WOULD BE A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

3. TELLO SAID THAT MEXICO WOULD WORK FOR AND EXPECTED ONLY A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RATIFICATION OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO BY THOSE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHICH HAD NOT YET DONE SO AND CALLING ON THE REMAINING NUCLEAR POWERS TO RATIFY THE APPROPRIATE PROTOCOLS. TELLO GAVE THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT MEXICO WOULD NOT SUPPORT THIS PANAMANINA INITIATIVE. TELLO CONCLUDED BY PROMISING TO PASS OUR VIEWS TO FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA, WHOM HE IS ACCOMPANYING ON THE PLANE TO PANAMA THIS AFTERNOON.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD NOT THINK THAT MEXICAN INITIATIVE CALLING FOR FURTHER RATIFICATIONS OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO IS LIKELY TO HAVE MUCH SUCCESS IN VIEW OF OPPOSITION OF FRANCE AND THE SOVIET UNION.
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